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West Nile Mosquito Traps Installed in Milwaukee County

MILWAUKEE—For the first time, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) partnered with researchers from the Marshville Clinic are placing close to 20 mosquito traps throughout Milwaukee County. MHD and its partners hope these traps will help officials monitor the threat of West Nile virus. From now until November, mosquitoes caught in the traps will be tested to see what species are most common locally and which are most affected by West Nile.

West Nile first appeared in Wisconsin last summer. The virus, which is primarily found in birds, can spread to humans, horses and other animals by mosquitoes. Last year the virus was found in 58 birds, mostly crows, and while no human cases were found in the Milwaukee area, some 250 people were tested for West Nile virus.

When: Tuesday, June 4th

Where: Brown Deer Park

One at 38th & Calumet (near railroad tracks), another at 37th & Bradley

Time: 1:00p.m.-1:30p.m.

It takes an estimated 15 minutes to set up each trap.

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